

CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER

COMMUNITY CONNECTION NEWSLETTER



A Message from the Mayor

Seems like it was only a couple of months ago I was writing my November 2021 message and here we are already just a few weeks away from 2023 – I don’t know how the time goes by so fast! Regardless, I hope everyone is doing well and you are looking forward to the busy holiday season, which is also coming up quickly.

Speaking of holidays, I want to remind you of an important annual event coming soon to downtown Canal Winchester: **Christmas in the Village**. This year’s festive event will be held on Friday, December 2nd and Saturday, December 3rd. Both nights run from 6 PM to 9 PM, and it all will be held within our Historic Downtown district. Santa Claus will light the tree at 6 PM each night so be sure to arrive early to get in line to visit with him. While you’re here, stop by the Community Center where several local vendors will be selling crafts – a great choice for Christmas presents. Christmas in the Village is one of our most popular downtown events every year and by far the most popular for the kids. For a full list of attractions, visit the city website.

While you are downtown, be sure to bring the kids by **Santa’s mailbox**, now located at the front entry of City Hall (45 E. Waterloo St). The bright red box will be in place to receive letters to Santa beginning Monday, November 21st through Sunday, December 18th. It’s simply amazing how many letters Santa receives each year! Every letter with a return address will receive a reply from Santa himself, too.

I hope by now you have been able to take advantage of the nice weather and make your way to **McGill Park**. After a few delays due to the short availability of equipment and labor, we were able to get Phase I opened, and I must say it was worth the wait. The fields are coming along quite nicely and the City crews are doing a fantastic job of keeping them manicured. The playground equipment has been a big hit with the kids, and the trail makes for an awesome walk for all ages. The color of the leaves on the trees provides breathtaking scenery, well worth snapping a few pictures. I make my way out there every day, and every time I do, I see adults and kids taking advantage of the park and all it has to offer. Phase II design work is nearing completion and we hope to see construction work begin in 2023.

I want to remind everyone that the **Sheriff’s Substation** is now located at 36 S. High Street, formally the City Municipal Building. Stop in and say hi to our Canal Winchester Deputies and Sgt. Walker – they might even give you the nickel tour.

These are just a few of the great things that are happening in Canal Winchester. Stay tuned to see what’s to come in 2023!

I want to wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving, a very merry holiday season, and a happy New Year, in “**The Greatest Little City in Ohio**”.

Mayor Mike Ebert

PUMPKINS HELPING PEOPLE
Supporting Your Local Food Pantry

Thank you to everyone that purchased pumpkins through **Pumpkins Helping People**. This year, the group was able to donate **\$5,470** to CW Human Services and the Bloom Carroll Pantry Mission! Look for their sale to open again next September.



Important Dates

NOV 7	City Council Meeting & DORA Public Hearing	DEC 10	Breakfast with Santa
NOV 8	Election Day	DEC 10	Destination: CW Reindeer Games
NOV 11	Veterans Day - <i>City Offices Closed</i>	DEC 19	City Council Meeting
NOV 12	Veterans Day Celebration	DEC 26	Christmas (Observed) - <i>City Offices Closed</i>
NOV 21	City Council Meeting	JAN 2	New Years Day (Observed) - <i>City Offices Closed</i>
NOV 24/25	Thanksgiving Holiday - <i>City Offices Closed</i>	JAN 3	City Council Meeting
DEC 2/3	Christmas in the Village	JAN 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - <i>City Offices Closed</i>
DEC 5	City Council Meeting	JAN 17	City Council Meeting
DEC 9	Family Game Night - Holiday Edition!	FEB 6	City Council Meeting

Indoor Farmers Market

Faith United Methodist Church
15 W. Columbus
9 AM—Noon

November 5
January 7
February 4
March 4
April 1

All events are tentative and subject to change. Visit our website for more details.

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Bed Tax Grant Program—November 30th Application Deadline

The City of Canal Winchester is now accepting applications for its 2023 Bed Tax Grant program. The grant program is open to nonprofits and private organizations located within the City of Canal Winchester to help fund projects that will enhance Canal Winchester for residents and/or visitors to the community. Grants are funded with the hotel/motel tax revenue collected by the City of Canal Winchester. Applications are available online. For complete details, visit our website or call 614-837-6937.

Christmas in the Village — December 2nd and 3rd from 6 - 9 PM

Christmas in the Village is back and better than ever! Enjoy your favorite activities like the gingerbread house competition, craft bazaar, and ceremonial tree lighting. Find Santa in the Interurban Depot this year, and be sure to check out the iceless skating rink behind Shades—free for all visitors! The Brockstrong Holiday Lights Parade will be on Saturday before the festivities begin. The Canal Winchester Area Historical Society will also have activities at the historical complex as part of their *Storybook Christmas* celebration. Visit the city website for all the details!

Breakfast with Santa—December 12th

Santa is coming to Canal Winchester...for breakfast! We will be hosting two Breakfast with Santa sessions on Saturday, December 12th (8:30—10:00 AM and 10:30 AM—Noon). Tickets are \$5 for adults and children (children under 1 eat free), and all proceeds benefit the Canal Winchester Human Services Adopt-A-Family program. Only 100 tickets will be sold for each session, with sales opening on the city website on Tuesday, November 15th.



Leaf Collection

Leaf collection continues through December 9. Please place piles along the curb but not in the street. Remember piles should only contain leaves because sticks, grass trimmings, etc. will damage the equipment. More information can be found on our website.

Rumpke Holiday Collection in CW

Veterans Day: Friday, November 11
No Delays

Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 24
Service will be delayed until Friday, November 25.
Place bins curbside the evening before for collection.

Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25
No Delays

New Year's Day: Sunday, January 1
No Delays



Did You Know...

Canal Winchester Human Services provides financial assistance for utilities and rent/mortgage to individuals living within Canal Winchester School District? If you or someone you know is struggling to pay your bills, contact Human Services at 614-834-4700.



New Events at the Community Center

Yoga

Yoga classes at the Community Center are every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. Enjoy yoga flow for all levels! Classes are \$5 per person. For more information, Contact Sam Long at samlong.balance@gmail.com or call the Community Center at 614-837-8276.

Family Game Night




Grab your family and head to the Community Center for a holly jolly good time at Family Game Night on Friday, December 9. Wear your favorite holiday attire for a chance to win a prize! Free dinner, snacks, and beverages will be served, and we'll have plenty of games to choose from. RSVP is not required but will help with food counts. Visit our website for more information and to register.

Help us expand programming at the Community Center! Scan the QR code to share your ideas!



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